

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 22, 2008

Ms. Sara Brown, Treasurer
Ohio Republican Party State
Central & Executive Committee
211 S. Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Response Due Date: September 22, 2008

Identification Number:

C00162339

Reference:

Amended May Monthly Report (4/1/08 - 4/30/08), received 5/29/08

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 5 items:

- 1. Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report discloses one or more receipts totaling \$44,120.25 from the "State of Ohio." Please amend your report to clarify the nature of these receipts.
- 2. Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report discloses a payment(s) from a federal candidate committee(s) for goods and/or services provided by your committee. 11 CFR §100.52(d)(1) states that "...the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge which is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, membership lists and mailing lists. The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as "...the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution". The usual and normal charge for services is defined as "...the hourly or piecework charge for the services at a commercially reasonable rate prevailing at the time the services were rendered." 11 CFR §100.52(d)(2)

Please clarify whether your committee assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you provided to the federal candidate committee(s) and explain the steps your committee took in determining the